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June 17, 2022

**TO: All Licensed Electricity Distributors  
All Licensed Electricity Retailers  
All Other Interested Parties**

**RE: Final Materials: Consumer-Facing Materials and Retailer Forms related to  
Third Party Net Metering  
OEB File No. EB-2022-0152**

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On June 14, 2022, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) issued a [Notice of Amendments](#) to the Distribution System Code (DSC), Electricity Retailer Code of Conduct (ERCC), and Retail Settlement Code (RSC) that ensure the Codes are consistent with and facilitate the implementation of the legislative changes affecting net metering that will come into force on July 1, 2022. The OEB is today releasing the final Consumer-Facing Materials and Retailer Forms ('Materials and Forms') related to Third Party Net Metering.

On May 19, 2022, OEB staff issued a letter inviting comments on draft Materials and Forms that it had developed to facilitate legislative changes related to third party ownership of net metered renewable energy generation in Ontario (referred to as "third party net metering"). The legislative changes will take effect on July 1, 2022.

The OEB received comments from 3 stakeholders on the draft Materials and Forms. OEB staff acknowledges and appreciates the feedback. Based upon its review of these comments, OEB staff has made changes to the Materials and Forms as described below, and final versions of the English Materials and Forms are available on the [Retailer Forms and Templates webpage](#).

## Stakeholder Submissions on the Materials and Forms

### *Changes to Materials and Forms*

Stakeholders were broadly supportive of the draft Materials and Forms and described them as suitably prepared and factually correct. OEB staff have made edits to the Materials and Forms based on the following stakeholder suggestions:

- Included more detailed language about penalties and charges under the Associated Equipment Agreement (AEA) should the consumer opt out of the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) within 30 days after the consumer receives their separate bills;
- Edited the titles of the Materials and Forms to clearly indicate that they are only applicable to contracts with Low Volume Consumers;
- Reiterated at multiple junctures that consumers must engage their Local Distribution Company (LDC) at the earliest opportunity to ensure that the LDC has the distribution system capacity to safely connect the consumers who wish to participate in net metering; and
- Included additional questions for consumers to ask when deciding whether to participate in the net metering program.

OEB staff has also considered the suggestions from stakeholders that the OEB provide more detailed costing scenarios that compare the purchase of any additional electricity from LDCs to the purchase of any additional electricity from Retailers and that the OEB provide further context for when consumers should expect to use the forms. OEB staff agree that the provision of this additional information would be helpful for consumers. OEB staff intend to provide further information on costing scenarios and on the specificities of net metering through supplementary information on the OEB's website.

### *Stakeholder Clarifications on Materials and Forms*

Stakeholders requested clarification on two general areas related to the Materials and Forms.

- Stakeholders requested clarification on whether LDCs would be required to make the forms available to consumers. OEB staff confirm that LDCs will not be required to provide the forms to consumers but must respond to any consumer net metering enquiry. OEB staff suggest that distributors should refer consumers to the OEB [Retailer Forms and Templates webpage](#) where the forms are housed.
- Stakeholders requested clarification on when the Net Metering Declaration Form is to be provided to distributors by consumers. OEB staff confirm that it is to be

used in situations where the consumer has entered into an equipment agreement for a renewable general system with a third-party but has not entered into a PPA with a retailer.

Any questions relating to the forms or the information contained therein should be directed to [Industry.Relations@oeb.ca](mailto:Industry.Relations@oeb.ca).

Yours truly,

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